

District III Advisory Board Minutes
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The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Wichita Water Center at 101 E Pawnee. Eight District Advisory Board members were in attendance; 12 City staff and 10 members of the public were present.

Members Present

Teresa Cook
Judy Dillard
Charlotte Foster
Jim Gulick
Joann Hartig
John Kemp
Billie Tucker
Bill Ward

Members Absent

Paula Hearn
DeWayne Kitchen
Council Member Jim Skelton

Staff Present

Batt. Chief Rob Hughes
Capt. Sid Newby
Mike Johnson, WFD
John Eck, WFD
Off. Maria Anderson, Patrol East
Off. Justin Whyte, Patrol East
Off. Claudale Cavanaugh
Off. Barry Gomes
Sgt. Bret Stull, Patrol South
Off. Dwain Diehl, Patrol South
Off. Richard West, Patrol East
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Services

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

At 7 p.m. **Pro Tem Bill Ward** called the meeting to order. The meeting minutes from July 2, 2008, were approved **8-0**.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Scheduled items

Michael Henderson was a no show.

Ron Cornejo, Cornejo and Sons, provided an update on his plans for the C&D landfill located near 31st and K-15. He said he anticipates the landfill closing at the end of 2010. He would like to go to the MAPC and request that the CUP be amended and utilize the north six acres of the property as a C&D transfer station. He said it is a needed service in South Wichita and the plan would be to transfer the material to his C&D landfill in the north part of Wichita. He explained the area would be burned, the roads paved and retaining walls erected so it would not be visible from K-15.

Jim Gulick asked what kind of dust an operation like this would create. **Cornejo** said it shouldn't create any because the roads would all be paved. He did point out though that the rock-crushing operation would not be dust-free.

Cornejo said he is working with the Park Department, and a C&D Transfer Operation would not interfere with the plans for the bike path between Garvey Park and Planeview Park.

Joann Hartig wanted to know how noisy the operation would be. **Cornejo** said there shouldn't be any more noise than there is currently.

Judy Dillard asked how the operation could be dust-free when you are dealing with materials like broken wall board. **Cornejo** said the majority of the dust is caused by the trucks driving on dirt roads and he plans on paving the roads.

John Kemp said the issue has always been about the dust. He wanted to know what **Cornejo** thought about an overlay that required the roads to be paved. **Cornejo** said he didn't think that was unreasonable. **Kemp** said including the rock-crushing area. **Cornejo** said that he would not be able to pave the rock crushing area. **Kemp** said the rock crusher itself isn't a problem because they keep it sprayed down, but the dust coming from the road leading to the area causes a lot of dust. **Cornejo** said he would never make the contention that he could keep the rock crushing area dust free.

Dillard wanted to know if **Cornejo** has consulted with KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment). He said yes, and they are fine with it. **Dillard** wanted to know how asphalt would work on top of a landfill when it starts settling. She said as wood materials deteriorate, the ground will sink. **Cornejo** said they have been watching the area in question for several years and do not anticipate having a problem.

Gulick asked how long they anticipate using it as a transfer station. **Cornejo** said 10 plus years. He also pointed out that it seemed unnecessary to open yet another C&D landfill in the area when he could use this one as a transfer station and utilize another one that is already open.

Hartig inquired how the river would be protected from the operation. **Cornejo** said he is already working with Allied Environmental to provide a design that will protect the river.

Charlotte Foster wanted to know if the neighborhood had been notified. **Cornejo** said he is working on that through John Kemp.

Ben Sciortino said Ron has also talked to the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Committee and they are supportive of the idea because it would help stop the proliferation of C&D landfills all over the county.

Gulick had questions on how the transfer trucks prevent losing parts of their load while transporting. **Cornejo** explained they use 45 foot long transfer trailers that are like van boxes with covers and sealed doors. He said they don't leak and that they are not your typical dump truck that you see hauling loads.

Cornejo also added that in the event the City of Wichita ever decides to do a grass clipping ban, this site would also be able to accommodate a composting area where people could dump or pick up compost.

Recommended action: Receive and file.

Non-Scheduled items

No items

STAFF REPORTS

Community Police Report

Officer Justin Whyte, 34 Beat Patrol East, said police staff is busy working the Hawker Beechcraft strike and they are asking motorists to avoid Webb and Greenwich Roads between Kellogg and Central in the mornings and evenings during the strike. He also reported there will be a Community Forum in Hilltop tomorrow night from 6 to 8 p.m. with 18 exhibits at the Community Center, 1329 S. Terrace. Whyte reported there were around 220 parties registered for National Night Out, with 40 of those being in the Patrol East area. He said they were all a big success. The Planeview Activity Camp for Kids ended on July 25 with 120 attendees and this year the crime stats in the area remained the same. The Hilltop Friendship Camp ended its first year on July 24 and juvenile crime in the Hilltop area dropped 50 percent while the camp was in session.

Billie Tucker thanked Officer Whyte and the Wichita Fire Department and Wichita Police Department for their work on the camp.

Officer Claudale Cavanaugh, 26 Beat Patrol South, reported she has a disturbing crime trend in her beat – eight aggravated assaults. She and Officer Wylie have been riding bikes at least once a week on the 25 and 26 beats. She said that Linwood Apartments in the 25 Beat had a string of copper thefts – approximately 15 because they won't keep the apartments secured. Cavanaugh said a couple of suspects had been apprehended.

Officer Barry Gomes, 28 Beat Patrol South, reported the Chubs bar in the 27 Beat that had been causing so much trouble has officially closed at its location at 31st and Seneca. There has been an increase in larcenies around the Kingsboro Apartments and an increase in burglaries in 28 beat related to unlocked sheds and garages. **Gomes** reported there were two robberies in the 28 Beat, but suspects were arrested in both incidents.

Officer Dwain Diehl, 24 Beat Patrol South, said the South Broadway initiative continues with hotel/motel stings and morals stings. He said for the past three months crime has continued to decline on South Broadway. He also mentioned the successful neighborhood clean up and announced that WPD would have a zero tolerance regarding child drop offs/pick ups at Harry Street Elementary. **Teresa Cook** asked about Hamilton; **Officer Diehl** said he would mention it to Officer Recio. He also announced that Lt. Scott Heimerman will be the new CP South supervisor.

John Kemp commended Officer Whyte on his work in the 34 Beat and said he appreciates that Officer Whyte always gives 150 percent to whatever area he is assigned.

Wichita Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Rob Hughes reported that WFD staff would be out working in the area of Gold and MacArthur conducting the Flash Program, following a recent residential fire in the area. He said staff visit with area residents and tell them how the fire started and offer to conduct a fire safety check in their home. He said most people turn down the offer of home assessment, but they do take

the fire safety literature. During National Night Out staff from all 19 Stations was out visiting parties. **Chief Hughes** also reported that Wichita has had 26 fire deaths in the past three years, primarily due to cooking and careless smoking. Recently, WFD has provided assistance to the city of Topeka and Barber County. He said last year WFD responded to 41,834 calls – around 73 percent were medical and 27 percent fires. There was approximately \$18 million in fire loss last year in Wichita. During the Fourth of July, **Chief Hughes** said they responded to 14 fireworks related fires and one medical call. There was \$103,000 worth of fire damage and all 36 units were out patrolling; however, a number of those units were pulled to respond to a drowning at Watson Park.

Joann Hartig thanked the Fire Department for their participation in the South Central Neighborhood Clean up.

Charlotte Foster said the fireworks complaint calls to 911 would be a lot higher, but people don't call in because they know nothing will be done. **Chief Hughes** said enforcing the ordinances against illegal fire works is very difficult because enforcement officers (WPD and WFD) have to actually witness someone shooting off illegal fireworks and it is difficult to catch them at it.

Action: Receive and file.

NEW BUSINESS

Wayne Larson, intern for Kansas State University Pollution Prevention Institute, reported that recent studies indicate that the common disposal practice of flushing medication down the toilet is negatively impacting the development of aquatic life in our water bodies. **Larson** said 80 percent of fish that are downstream of waste water plants have been found to have both male and female reproductive organs. He said while they are just trace amounts of medication showing up, it is still cause for concern.

Larson advocates taking outdated or leftover medications to the Sedgwick County Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 801 Stilwell (however they will not accept controlled or narcotic substances). If citizens cannot take their medication there, he recommends crushing the medication and then mixing it with coffee grounds or kitty litter (anything to make it undesirable to a dumpster diver) and then throwing it in the trash.

He said getting rid of old or unneeded medications is important, especially with the rise in teen-age abuse of prescription medications.

Jim Gulick wanted to know if one person from the neighborhood could collect medications and take them in all at once to the Hazardous Waste Facility. **Larson** said he wasn't sure, but he would get contact information to Janet Johnson so she could check on that.

Joann Hartig asked what to do about insulin vials and sharps. **Larson** said Hazardous Waste cannot take those so he suggested putting them in an empty detergent or Clorox bottle, writing "sharps" on the bottle and then throwing it in the trash.

Judy Dillard said she thought doctor's offices would accept narcotics and controlled substances; **Larson** said some will, some won't.

Recommended action: Receive and file

BOARD AGENDA

Updates, Issues and Reports

Joann Hartig provided handouts and gave a report on the NUSA (Neighborhoods USA) conference she attended in May. She said more than 800 neighborhood leaders from 36 states and the country of Japan attended the conference. Hartig said there were more than 60 workshops to choose from and several special events. She brought back sample ordinances on issues that Wichita neighborhoods are dealing with and provided those to the City's Law Department.

Charlotte Foster reported she worked at the election yesterday and they need more volunteers. She encouraged people to volunteer for this important service.

Judy Dillard said things have been fairly quiet in the South Area. Efforts are still being made to get the South Area Business Association organized. Boeing and Spirit Aerosystems have both written letters of support for the 47th Street Interchange project. The South Area Neighbor will be hosting a candidate forum in October and everyone is invited to attend.

Joann Hartig reported a very successful neighborhood clean up.

Jim Gulick said Grandview Heights and K-15 had a joint NNO party that was successful.

John Kemp reported they enjoyed partnering with Grandview for the NNO event; they are considering the Cornejo proposal and have a clean up slated for Oct. 6.

Teresa Cook reported the South Broadway streetscape project is still moving along.

Billie Tucker said the first START meeting with citizens was held in Hilltop; the Friendship Camp was a great success, and Hilltop had their first NNO event.

Action: Receive and file.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be held at 7 p.m., Sept. 3, 2008, at the Water Center at 101 E. Pawnee.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Assistant – District III

Guests

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